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PREFACE

The Fifteenth Space Simulation Conference, held at the Williamsburg Hilton and National Conference Center, Williamsburg, Virginia, October 31 to November 3, 1988, is hosted by the Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES) and supported by the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) and the American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM). The conference is further supported by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by their publication of these proceedings.

Some thirty years ago, man was able to reach out and touch space for the first time using the tools of technology to understand this new frontier. Soon after, the first meeting of the Space Simulation Conference, or the Tri-Society as it was initially referred, came into existence. Today, the Fifteenth Space Simulation Conference represents a gathering of respected individuals presenting papers to "Support the Highway to Space Through Testing." And the papers presented at this conference and the resulting discussions again will continue to carry on our ability for a permanent presence in space.

I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank a few of those people whose efforts have made this conference and the publication of this document possible. Thanks go to Richard (Dick) Hartenbaum, Technical Program Chairman, GE Astro Space Division, and his people on the technical committee; Joseph (Joe) Stecher III, Publication Chairman, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center; and John D. Campbell, IES Meeting Manager, for bringing us to Williamsburg. In addition, the program committee would like to express our special thanks to Janet A. Ehmann, Executive Director, Institute of Environmental Sciences, and her staff for handling all the details which ensured a successful conference.

I wish all of you success and hope this conference will become as valued an experience as it has for me.

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